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COUNTERBALANCING WEIGHT TO BE ATTACHED TO A WHEEL RIM (AS  
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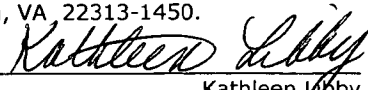
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